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*Department of Savings &
Mortgage Lending*

Senate Committee on Business and Commerce Third Quarter 2012 Agency Update

- **Mortgage Loan Originator License Applications** - The volume of new applications has been significantly higher than predicted averaging almost 500 new applications a month this last quarter. The national average for individual and companies to hold a license in only one state is 80% and 73% respectively. For Texas those same two ratios are 65% and 54% indicating the attractiveness of Texas mortgage market to licensees based out of state.
- **AG Mortgage Servicing Settlement** - The Department's \$500,000 settlement share is in the custody of the Conference of State Banking Supervisors (CSBS) and will be remitted soon. It is the intent to place these funds in some way to the Finance Commission of Texas Financial Education Endowment Fund.

The Department met with members of the Governor's staff to discuss the secondary mortgage markets, settlement proceeds going to the general revenue fund and consumer claim process for the funds set aside for negative equity, wrongful foreclosure and current loss mitigation.

- **Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act** - The Department continues to engage in conversations about possible charter conversions. Two pending conversions are expected to consummate on July 1, 2012.